



Behold, the Meaning of the Cradle!

Servant Song 4 • Isaiah 52:13–53:12

➤ What's Different About the Fourth Servant Song?

- #1 The **SPEAKERS** are unique. *[See the Chart!]*
- #2 The **SUFFERING** is more graphic but now explained.
- #3 The **SWITCH** from the Servant's trust to His triumph!
- #4 The **SIGNIFICANCE** of the Gospel is revealed.
- #5 The **STRUCTURE** of 5 stanzas with 3 lines each with the 1st line introducing the Big Idea! *Isaiah 52:13–53:12*

What Is the LORD and His Repenting Servants Telling Us in the Fourth Servant Song?

The **MEANING** of the Servant's Suffering and the **MEANS** of His Ultimate Success Are Revealed to Be God's Saving Purposes!

The Suffering Servant Is the Sovereign Savior Because He Voluntarily Became Our Sacrificial Substitute to Fulfill the LORD's Saving Purposes to Restore His Kingdom on Earth and Fill All Creation with His Glory!!

Now Sinners Can Be Saved by Grace Alone through Faith Alone in the Servant Alone, So They Can Become His Servants Who Voluntarily Suffer with Him to Be Glorified with Him in His Coming Kingdom!

How Did the Suffering Servant Succeed in Becoming the Sovereign Savior?

1. SUCCESS: The Servant Will Triumphantly Succeed in an **UNLIKELY** Manner! (52:13-15)

The Servant's Suffering Is Glorious!

"Behold, My Servant, will prosper, He will be high and lifted up and greatly exalted." 52:13

- The LORD Himself declares His Servant will **SUCCEED** in His mission and be highly exalted! (13)

WHY the DIFFERENCES in translations?

WHAT MISSION will the Servant wisely succeed in fulfilling? *Isaiah 42:1-9; 49:1-11; 50:4-11*

WHAT will be the Servant's REWARD for fulfilling this mission successfully?

WHAT will the FULFILLMENT of this exaltation look like?

- The Servant will succeed in an unlikely manner.

Just as ***many*** (in Israel?) will be **APPALLED** at the Servant's brutal humiliation, so ***many*** Gentile Kings will be **ASTONISHED** at His glorious exaltation!

*"The Servant will be humbled **below** what is human to be exalted **above** what is human!" – Duane Lindsey*

2. SHUNNING: The Servant Will Be **REJECTED** Due to His Shameful Suffering! (53:1-3)

The Servant's Suffering Is Shameful!

*"Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?" (53:1 CSB)
"He was despised, and we did not esteem Him." (53:3)*

- "The Many" now testify that they could **NOT BELIEVE** what they have ***heard*** and could **NOT SEE** God's Mighty Arm at work in such a shameful Sufferer. (1)

WHO is SPEAKING here?

Are they HEARING the MESSAGE or SHARING the message?

- “The Many” incorrectly reckon the Servant to be **unworthy** so they **REJECT** Him. (2-3)

3. SUBSTITUTION: The Servant Will Be RECEIVED as the Sinner’s Saving Substitute! (53:4-6)

The Servant’s Suffering Is Vicarious!

“Surely our griefs He Himself bore, and our sorrows He carried; yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, smitten of God...” (53:4)

- “The Many” **initially rejected** the Servant because they thought He was suffering for his **OWN SINS**. (4)

At First We REJECTED the Shameful Servant: *“He is being cursed by God for HIS own sin!”*

- “The Many” **finally realize** that the suffering of the Servant was **SAVING SINNERS** as their substitute! (5-6)

We Now RECEIVE the Saving Servant: *“He is being cursed by God for OUR own sin!”*

What Is the MEANING of the Servant and His Sufferings?

*The Suffering Servant Was **BORN TO DIE** as the Saving Substitute for Every Sinner Who Repents!
1 Peter 2:24-25*

4. SUBMISSION: The Servant Silently Submits to UNJUST Suffering to Save His Sheep! (53:7-9)

The Servant’s Suffering Is Voluntary!

“He was oppressed and afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth.” 53:7

- The Servant is the **SILENT** Lamb in His suffering. (7)
- The Servant is the **SINLESS** Lamb of God who suffers as our Substitute. (8-9)
- The Servant is the **SACRIFICIAL** Lamb of God who suffers for the LORD’s saving purposes. (8-9)
John 1:29, 35; 1Peter 2:20-25

5. SOVEREIGNTY: The Servant’s Success Will RESTORE God’s Kingdom on Earth! (53:10-12)

The Servant’s Suffering Satisfies!

“But the LORD was pleased to crush Him, putting Him to grief...” 53:10

- **Propitiation:** *The suffering was God’s will to satisfy His holy justice! (10)*
The Servant Was Willingly Sacrificed as the Sinner’s Substitute to Satisfy the God’s Holy Wrath Because of God’s Loyal Love!
- **Resurrection:** *The suffering was rewarded with life from the dead! (10)*
- **Justification:** *The suffering was to declare sinners righteous by faith alone in Him alone! (11)*
- **Exaltation:** *The suffering will lead to resurrection, ascension, exaltation, and final consummation in the End! (12)*
- **Intervention:** *The suffering was a substitution that enables a divine intervention to set sinners free! (12)*
- **Celebration:** *The suffering pays for a global celebration with people from every tribe, language, people and nation! (12)*
Revelation 5:8-10; Isaiah 54 and 55

What Is the Meaning of the Cradle at Christmas?

*The Cradle means is that a Baby was born to be crushed and is coming again!
Christmas reminds us that meaning of the Cradle is revealed in the Cross and rewarded with the Crown!*

HOW WILL YOU RESPOND? WHAT WILL BE YOUR WITNESS?

BEHOLD! My Sovereign Savior Is the Bleeding Lamb and the Roaring Lion!

FOURTH SERVANT SONG – BEHOLD, My SERVANT the BLEEDING LAMB and ROARING LION!

5 STANZAS 3 VERSES EACH	52:13-15	53:1-3	53:4-6	53:7-9	53:10-12
FIRST LINE = MAIN IDEA	<i>"Behold My Servant will prosper/succeed"</i>	<i>"Who has believed what we have heard?"</i>	<i>"Surely our griefs He Himself bore"</i>	<i>"He was oppressed...yet He did not open His mouth"</i>	<i>"But the LORD was pleased to crush Him"</i>
SPEAKERS BRACKETED by Lord's DECLARATION of His Servant's Exaltation Initially His Wise Submission, Ultimately His Voluntary, Penal, Substitutionary Atonement! CENTERED on WITNESS of a Responsive, Repenting People Present Church Whoever Believes the Good News and Future Israel	THE LORD DECLARES Exaltation of His Submissive Servant <i>"Behold, My Servant, will prosper, He will be high and lifted up and greatly exalted." 52:13</i>	REPENTING SERVANTS TESTIFY Incorrect Estimation of the Rejected Servant: <i>"He Is Cursed of God for His Own Sin!"</i> <i>"Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?" *</i> <i>"He was despised, and we did not esteem Him." 53:1, 3</i> <small>* CSB, see also NET Bible</small>	REPENTING SERVANTS TESTIFY Correct Estimation of the Rejected Servant: <i>"He Was Cursed of God for Our Own Sin!"</i> <i>"Surely our griefs He Himself bore, and our sorrows He carried; yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed...But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him." 53:4-6</i>	REPENTING SERVANTS TESTIFY Correct Estimation of the Executed Servant: <i>"He Was Unjustly Condemned in the Place of Rebels Like Us, Yet He Was Above Reproach!"</i> <i>"By oppression and judgment He was taken away; and as for His generation, who considered that He was cut off...for the transgression of [His] people, to whom the stroke was due? Because He had done no violence, nor was there any deceit in His mouth." 53:8-9</i>	THE LORD DECLARES Exaltation of His Sacrificial Servant <i>"And the good pleasure of the LORD will proper in His hand... My Servant will justify the many, as He will bear their iniquities. Therefore, I will allot Him a portion with great..." 53:10-12</i>
KEY POINT	SUCCESS <i>of the Unlikely Servant</i>	SCORNING <i>of the Unworthy Servant</i>	SUBSTITUTION <i>by the Underserving Servant</i>	SUBMISSION <i>of the Unresisting Servant</i>	SOVEREIGNTY <i>of the Unrivalled Servant</i>
IRONIC REVERSALS	<i>Unexpected</i> EXALTATION <i>After Unrivalled</i> HUMILIATION	<i>Unworthy</i> ESTIMATION <i>Led to Undeserved</i> REJECTION	<i>Unmistaken</i> ESTIMATION <i>Perceives Undeserved</i> SUBSTITUTION	<i>Unprotected</i> CONDEMNATION <i>Led to Undeserved</i> EXECUTION	<i>Unexpected</i> EXALTATION <i>After Unrivalled</i> PROPIATION
GOSPEL HOPE	ELECTION <i>My Chosen > 42:1; 49:7 My Called > 42:6; 49:1 My Consecrated > 42:1; 61:1 My Covenant > 42:6; 49:8</i>	INCARNATION <i>Active Obedience</i>	SUBSTITUTION <i>Penal Atonement</i>	CRUCIFIXION <i>Passive Obedience</i>	RESURRECTION <i>Our Propitiation • Our Substitution Our Redemption • Our Justification Our Sanctification • Our Glorification</i>
JESUS is the SERVANT	<i>They Shall Understand Romans 15:21</i>	<i>Who Believed Our Report? John 12:38, Romans 10:16</i>	<i>Carried Our Diseases Matthew 8:17 By His Stripes You Were Healed 1Peter 2:24-25</i>	<i>A Lamb to the Slaughter Acts 8:32-35 He Committed No Sin 1Peter 2:22</i>	<i>Numbered with Transgressors Mark 15:28, Luke 22:37</i>
COVENANT MEDIATOR ROLES MERGE TOGETHER	Responding LOWLY PROPHET <i>His Incarnation</i>	Redeeming LAMB-PRIEST <i>His Crucifixion</i>			Reigning LION-KING <i>His Present Resurrection, Heavenly Ascension and Exaltation as He Waits for His Future Earthly Consummation</i>

REPENT! RESPOND! REJOICE! From Before CREATION to the CRADLE to the CROSS to the CROWN the SUFFERING SERVANT Is the LAMB Who Was SLAIN and the LION Who Will REIGN!